

April 11, 2023

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 11, 2023, the Honorable Wes Moore, Governor; the Honorable Bill Ferguson, President of the Senate; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

SB 555 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 2 FAIR WAGE ACT OF 2023

Increasing the State minimum wage rate; repealing the authority of the Board of Public Works to temporarily suspend an increase in the minimum wage rate; and repealing the requirement that the Governor’s budgets for certain fiscal years include certain provider rate increases.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 552 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

Chapter 3 FAMILY PROSPERITY ACT OF 2023

Altering the percentage of the federal earned income tax credit used for determining the amount that an individual may claim as a refund under the Maryland earned income tax credit under certain circumstances; repealing a certain limitation on the amount certain individuals may claim as a refund under the earned income tax credit; altering the definition of “qualified child” and income eligibility requirements for purposes of qualifying for a certain credit against the State income tax for certain dependent children; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 547

Chapter 4

The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al

FAMILY PROSPERITY ACT OF 2023

Altering the percentage of the federal earned income tax credit used for determining the amount that an individual may claim as a refund under the Maryland earned income tax credit under certain circumstances; repealing a certain limitation on the amount certain individuals may claim as a refund under the credit; altering the definition of “qualified child” and income eligibility requirements for purposes of qualifying for a certain credit against the State income tax for certain dependent children; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 686

Chapter 5

Senator Smith

CIVIL ACTIONS – CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – DEFINITION, DAMAGES, AND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS (THE CHILD VICTIMS ACT OF 2023)

Altering the definition of “sexual abuse” for purposes relating to civil actions for child sexual abuse to include any act that involves an adult allowing or encouraging a child to engage in certain activities or any other sexual conduct that is a crime; repealing the statute of limitations in certain civil actions relating to child sexual abuse; repealing a statute of repose for certain civil actions relating to child sexual abuse; providing for the retroactive application of the Act under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 1

Chapter 6

Delegate Wilson, et al

CIVIL ACTIONS – CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – DEFINITION, DAMAGES, AND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS (THE CHILD VICTIMS ACT OF 2023)

Altering the definition of “sexual abuse” for purposes relating to civil actions for child sexual abuse to include any act that involves an adult allowing or encouraging a child to engage in certain activities; establishing certain limitations on damages that may be awarded under the Act; repealing the statute of limitations in certain civil actions relating to child sexual abuse; repealing a statute of repose for certain civil actions relating to child sexual abuse; providing for the retroactive application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 774
Chapter 7 **The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General), et al**

ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS – UNLICENSED PROGRAMS – RESIDENT ABUSE, EXPLOITATION, AND NEGLECT (THE SENATOR DELORES KELLEY RESIDENTS OF UNLICENSED PROGRAMS PROTECTION ACT)

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health or the Office of Health Care Quality to investigate whether residents in an assisted living program have been subject to neglect, exploitation, or abuse, if the assisted living program is operating without a license; subjecting certain assisted living programs operating without a license to immediate prosecution under a certain provision of law under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 665
Chapter 8 **The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General), et al**

ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS – UNLICENSED PROGRAMS – RESIDENT ABUSE, EXPLOITATION, AND NEGLECT (THE SENATOR DELORES KELLEY RESIDENTS OF UNLICENSED PROGRAMS PROTECTION ACT)

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, or the Office of Health Care Quality, to investigate whether residents in an assisted living program have been subject to neglect, exploitation, or abuse if the assisted living program is operating without a license; subjecting certain assisted living programs operating without a license to immediate prosecution under a certain provision of law under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 541
Chapter 9 **The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**
CIGARETTES – WHOLESALERS – DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

Requiring each licensed cigarette wholesaler to submit complete and accurate information in the form and manner the Comptroller requires to facilitate compliance with certain provisions of law relating to cigarettes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 777 Chapter 10	The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General) CIGARETTES – WHOLESALERS – DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION Requiring each licensed cigarette wholesaler to submit complete and accurate information in the form and manner the Comptroller requires to facilitate compliance with certain provisions of law relating to cigarettes. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
HB 339 Chapter 11	Delegate White, et al MARYLAND LYNCHING TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION – REPORTING AND SUNSET EXTENSION Extending the time for the submission of the final report of the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission to December 1, 2025; and extending the termination date for the Commission to June 30, 2026. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
SB 478 Chapter 12	Senator Sydnor, et al MARYLAND LYNCHING TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION – REPORTING AND SUNSET EXTENSION Extending the time for the submission of the final report of the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission to December 1, 2025; and extending the termination date for the Commission to June 30, 2026. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
HB 1244 Chapter 13	Delegate Attar, et al MARYLAND HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY Requiring the Governor to annually proclaim January 27 as Maryland Holocaust Remembrance Day; and requiring the proclamation to include a declaration of the purposes of Maryland Holocaust Remembrance Day. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 842

Chapter 14

Senator Kramer, et al

MARYLAND HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Requiring the Governor to annually proclaim January 27 as Maryland Holocaust Remembrance Day; and requiring the proclamation to include a declaration of the purposes of Maryland Holocaust Remembrance Day.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 504

Chapter 15

Delegate Kaiser, et al

MARYLAND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council as an independent unit of State government with the authority to conduct and support advocacy, systems change, and capacity–building efforts to promote inclusive communities and equity in services for individuals with disabilities in the State, research best practices and provide related training and technical assistance to communities in the State, and inform State and local leaders about disability issues.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 168

Chapter 16

Senator Guzzone

MARYLAND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL – ESTABLISHMENT

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

- SB 174**
Chapter 17 **Senator Guzzone, et al**
SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION – REDEVELOPMENT AREAS
IN BALTIMORE COUNTY – SUNSET EXTENSION
- Extending, until June 30, 2036, the termination date applicable to an exemption from the sales and use tax for certain construction material or warehousing equipment purchased for use in a certain target redevelopment area in Baltimore County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 237**
Chapter 18 **Delegates Atterbeary and Metzgar**
SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION – REDEVELOPMENT AREAS
IN BALTIMORE COUNTY – SUNSET EXTENSION
- Extending, until July 1, 2036, the termination date applicable to an exemption from the sales and use tax for certain construction material or warehousing equipment purchased for use in a certain target redevelopment area in Baltimore County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- SB 241**
Chapter 19 **Senator Guzzone (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**
COMMERCIAL LAW – ABANDONED PROPERTY –
ALTERATIONS
- Requiring the Comptroller, as Administrator of abandoned property in the State, to determine the value of certain nonmonetary abandoned property; and authorizing the Administrator, if it is determined the property has no commercial value and need not be offered for sale, to return the property to the holder, destroy the property, or dispose of the property.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- SB 242**
Chapter 20 **Senator Guzzone (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**
INCOME TAX – WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT –
TECHNICAL CORRECTION
- Correcting a certain incorrect cross-reference to the federal Internal Revenue Code relating to the federal work opportunity credit.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

- SB 243**
Chapter 21 **Senator Guzzone (By Request – Office of the Comptroller), et al**

INCOME TAX – CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS

Altering eligibility for the State child and dependent care tax credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- SB 659**
Chapter 22 **The President (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**

MODERNIZATION OF STATE FINANCIAL SYSTEMS – 21ST CENTURY FINANCIAL SYSTEMS ENTERPRISE

Requiring the Office of the Comptroller, the Office of the State Treasurer, the Department of Budget and Management, the Department of Information Technology, and the Department of General Services, in consultation with a representative of the Modernize Maryland Oversight Commission, to develop, implement, manage, and oversee the 21st Century Financial Systems Enterprise; and requiring the Office of the Comptroller to periodically report to the General Assembly on the status of the development of the Enterprise.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 709**
Chapter 23 **The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Comptroller)**

MODERNIZATION OF STATE FINANCIAL SYSTEMS – 21ST CENTURY FINANCIAL SYSTEMS ENTERPRISE

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 152
Chapter 24 **Senator Augustine (By Request – Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds)**

BOND SALES – NOTIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC

Authorizing the Board of Public Works and the State Treasurer to provide public notice of a public sale of State bonds by The Municipal Market Monitor (TM3) or a similar service or such other method deemed appropriate by the State Treasurer.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 388
Chapter 25 **Delegate Watson**

BOND SALES – NOTIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC

Authorizing the Board of Public Works and the State Treasurer to provide public notice of a public sale of State bonds by The Municipal Market Monitor (TM3) or a similar service or such other method deemed appropriate by the State Treasurer.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 429
Chapter 26 **Delegate Charles, et al**
PROCUREMENT IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES

Altering the membership of the Procurement Improvement Council to include the Comptroller and the Attorney General; authorizing certain members to send a designee to attend certain meetings under certain circumstances; and clarifying the duties of the Council to include discussion of strategies to increase the participation of small, minority-owned, and women-owned businesses in procurement contracts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 451

Chapter 27

Senators Griffith and Hester

**PROCUREMENT IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL – MEMBERSHIP
AND DUTIES**

Altering the membership of the Procurement Improvement Council to add the Comptroller and the Attorney General; authorizing the Comptroller and the Attorney General to send designees to attend meetings of the Council if the Comptroller or the Attorney General is unable to attend; and expanding the duties of the Council to include providing a forum for the discussion of strategies to increase the participation of small, minority-owned, and women-owned businesses in procurement contracts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 379

Chapter 28

Delegate Jackson

**COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL REGULATION – NAME AND
ORGANIZATION OF OFFICE**

Establishing the name of a certain office under the Commissioner of Financial Regulation in the Maryland Department of Labor as the Office of Financial Regulation; designating a certain appointee of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation as the Deputy Commissioner for Depository Activities; requiring the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to appoint a Deputy Commissioner for Non-Depository Activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 929

Chapter 29

Senator Griffith

**COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL REGULATION – NAME AND
ORGANIZATION OF OFFICE**

Establishing the name of a certain office under the Commissioner of Financial Regulation in the Maryland Department of Labor as the Office of Financial Regulation; designating a certain appointee of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation as the Deputy Commissioner for Depository Activities; requiring the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to appoint a Deputy Commissioner for Non-Depository Activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 716 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 30 **(By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
– SUNSET EXTENSION**

Continuing the State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2034, the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 717 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 31 **(By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

**STATE BOARD OF STATIONARY ENGINEERS – SUNSET
EXTENSION**

Continuing the State Board of Stationary Engineers in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2034, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 713 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**
Chapter 32 **(By Request – Departmental – Labor)**

STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board of Architects in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2028, the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

- SB 714**
Chapter 33 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
(By Request – Departmental – Labor)**
**STATE BOARD OF CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNERS –
SUNSET EXTENSION**
Continuing the State Board of Certified Interior Designers in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2034, the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- SB 715**
Chapter 34 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
(By Request – Departmental – Labor)**
STATE BOARD OF FORESTERS – SUNSET EXTENSION
Continuing the State Board of Foresters in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2035, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- HB 497**
Chapter 35 **Delegate Jacobs, et al**
**RURAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE PILOT REPEAL AND MID
SHORE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COALITION FUNDING**
Repealing the provisions of law establishing and governing the Rural Health Collaborative Pilot; and requiring the Governor to provide an appropriation in the State budget for fiscal year 2024 and each fiscal year thereafter to fund the operations of the Mid Shore Health Improvement Coalition.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- SB 498**
Chapter 36 **Senators Hershey and Mautz**
**RURAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE PILOT REPEAL AND MID
SHORE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COALITION FUNDING**
Repealing the provisions of law establishing and governing the Rural Health Collaborative Pilot; and requiring the Governor to provide an appropriation in the State budget in certain fiscal years to the Mid Shore Health Improvement Coalition.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 724
Chapter 37 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIERS – REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNAL GRIEVANCE PROCESS – MODIFICATION

Altering the process by which a health insurance carrier is required to provide notice of an adverse decision in nonemergency cases under the internal grievance process established by the carrier for its members.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 725
Chapter 38 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**

INSURANCE – PRODUCT AND SERVICE OFFERINGS

Authorizing certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to offer and provide certain products or services in conjunction with a policy at no charge or at a discounted price under certain circumstances; and prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from increasing a premium or denying a claim of a policyholder if the policyholder accepts, rejects, uses, or fails to use a certain product or service.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 279
Chapter 39 **Delegate Cullison**

PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD – UPPER PAYMENT LIMITS

Reestablishing the requirement that the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, under certain circumstances, draft a plan of action for implementing a process to set upper payment limits for certain prescription drug products; reestablishing the authority of the Board to set upper payments limits, under certain circumstances, for prescription drug products that are purchased or paid for by or through certain State or local government entities, plans, or programs; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 202

Chapter 40

Senator Feldman

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD – UPPER
PAYMENT LIMITS**

Reestablishing the requirement that the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, under certain circumstances, draft a plan of action for implementing a process to set upper payment limits for certain prescription drug products; reestablishing the authority of the Board to set upper payments limits, under certain circumstances, for prescription drug products that are purchased or paid for by or through certain State or local government entities, plans, or programs; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 19

Chapter 41

Delegate Woods, et al

**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS –
LICENSE AND REGISTRATION ISSUANCE AND RENEWALS –
ELECTRONIC MEANS**

Requiring the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to issue electronic licenses and registrations, except under certain circumstances; requiring the Board, on an applicant's request, to print a paper copy of the verification of licensure or registration and send it by first-class mail to the address on the application; repealing the requirement that the Board include certain information on each license and registration; and requiring the Board to send renewal notices by first-class mail under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 349

Chapter 42

Senator M. Washington

**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS –
LICENSE AND REGISTRATION ISSUANCE AND RENEWALS –
ELECTRONIC MEANS**

Requiring the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to issue electronic licenses and registrations, except under certain circumstances; requiring the Board, on the applicant's request, to print a paper copy of the verification of licensure or registration and send it by first-class mail to the address on the application; repealing the requirement that the Board include certain information on each license and registration; and requiring the Board to send renewal notices by first-class mail under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

- HB 53**
Chapter 43 **Delegate Forbes, et al**
HUMAN SERVICES – MARYLAND STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL
Codifying the Maryland Statewide Independent Living Council as an instrumentality of the State to submit, monitor, implement, and evaluate the State Plan under the federal Rehabilitation Act in conjunction with Centers for Independent Living in the State; and requiring the Attorney General to be the legal advisor to the Council.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- SB 608**
Chapter 44 **Senator M. Washington**
HUMAN SERVICES – MARYLAND STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL
Codifying the Maryland Statewide Independent Living Council as an instrumentality of the State to submit, monitor, implement, and evaluate the State Plan under the federal Rehabilitation Act in conjunction with Centers for Independent Living in the State; and requiring the Attorney General to be the legal advisor to the Council.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 141**
Chapter 45 **Delegate Qi, et al**
STATE GOVERNMENT – COMMISSION ON LGBTQIA+ AFFAIRS – ALTERATIONS
Renaming the Commission on LGBTQ Affairs to be the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; increasing the number of members of the Commission from 15 to 21; altering certain qualifications for members appointed to the Commission; staggering the terms of Commission members; and altering the duties of the Commission.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- SB 251**
Chapter 46 **Senator M. Washington**
STATE GOVERNMENT – COMMISSION ON LGBTQIA+ AFFAIRS – ALTERATIONS
Renaming the Commission on LGBTQ Affairs to be the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; increasing the number of members of the Commission from 15 to 21; altering certain qualifications for members appointed to the Commission; staggering the terms of Commission members; and altering the duties of the Commission.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 124 Chapter 47	The Speaker, et al MANDATED REPORTS – REVISIONS Modifying certain reporting requirements for practicability and efficiency; and repealing certain reporting requirements that are unnecessary, obsolete, duplicative, or inefficient. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
SB 131 Chapter 48	The President MANDATED REPORTS – REVISIONS Modifying certain reporting requirements for practicability and efficiency; and repealing certain reporting requirements that are unnecessary, obsolete, duplicative, or inefficient. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
SB 667 Chapter 49	The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services) ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL Correcting certain errors or omissions in certain articles of the Annotated Code; clarifying language; correcting certain obsolete references; reorganizing certain sections of the Annotated Code; providing that this Act is not intended to affect any law other than to correct technical errors; and providing for the correction of certain errors and obsolete provisions by the publishers of the Annotated Code. EMERGENCY BILL
SB 877 Chapter 50	The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services) ANNUAL CURATIVE BILL Generally curing previous Acts of the General Assembly with possible title defects; and generally repealing and reenacting without amendments certain Acts of the General Assembly that may be subject to possible title defects in order to validate those Acts. EMERGENCY BILL

SB 726 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 51 **Health)**

**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS – SUNSET
EXTENSION**

Continuing the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2025, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 727 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 52 **Health)**

**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS – SUNSET
EXTENSION**

Continuing the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2025, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 728 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental –**
Chapter 53 **Health)**

**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY – SUNSET
EXTENSION**

Continuing the State Board of Examiners in Optometry in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2025, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 731
Chapter 54 **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

STATE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM PROFESSIONALS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Continuing the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2025, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 26
Chapter 55 **Delegate Bagnall, et al**
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PSYCHOLOGISTS – LICENSURE QUALIFICATION

Requiring an individual, in order to be licensed as a psychologist by the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, to have a doctoral degree in psychology from a certain school or university, to have received a postdoctoral respecialization certificate from a certain department of psychology that included a minimum of 1,750 hours in supervised internship, and to have completed at least 1,500 hours postcertification advanced training hours or precertification hours of service as a registered psychology associate; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 238
Chapter 56 **Delegate Taveras, et al**
MASSAGE THERAPY – DISCIPLINE

Authorizing the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners to grant a stay of enforcement of a Board order in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act; prohibiting an order of the Board from being stayed pending judicial review; authorizing the Board to appeal a decision that reverses or modifies its order; altering the grounds for disciplining massage therapists and procedures related to the discipline of massage therapists, including appeals procedures and reinstatement procedures; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 215 **Senators Ellis and Augustine**

Chapter 57 **MASSAGE THERAPY – DISCIPLINE**

Authorizing the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners to grant a stay of enforcement of a Board order in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act; prohibiting an order of the Board from being stayed pending judicial review; authorizing the Board to appeal a decision that reverses or modifies its order; altering the grounds for disciplining massage therapists and procedures related to the discipline of massage therapists, including appeals procedures and reinstatement procedures; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 375 **Senator Ellis**

Chapter 58 **STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – INACTIVE AND EMERITUS STATUS**

Authorizing the State Board of Physicians to place a licensee on emeritus status under certain circumstances; requiring the Board, under certain circumstances, to reinstate the license of an individual who is on inactive or emeritus status; exempting licensees who are on inactive status or emeritus status from continuing medical education requirements; repealing the requirement that the Board issue a license to an individual who is on inactive status under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 453 **Delegate Szeliga, et al**

Chapter 59 **STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – INACTIVE AND EMERITUS STATUS**

Authorizing the Board to place a licensee on emeritus status under certain circumstances; requiring the Board, under certain circumstances, to reinstate the license of an individual who is on inactive or emeritus status; exempting licensees who are on inactive status or emeritus status from continuing medical education requirements; repealing the requirement that the Board issue a license to an individual who is on inactive status under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 401

Chapter 60

Delegate Martinez, et al

MARYLAND AUDIOLOGY, HEARING AID DISPENSING,
SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, AND MUSIC THERAPY
ACT – DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATION

Altering the definition of “hearing aid dispensary” to include certain actions taken for the purpose of ordering certain hearing instruments and specifying that certain hearing instruments include prescription hearing aids; altering the definition of “practice audiology” for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing the licensure of audiologists; and providing that certain provisions of law do not apply to certain actions taken with respect to certain over-the-counter hearing aids.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 449

Chapter 61

Senator Gile, et al

MARYLAND AUDIOLOGY, HEARING AID DISPENSING,
SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, AND MUSIC THERAPY
ACT – DEFINITIONS AND APPLICATION

Altering the definition of “hearing aid dispensing” to include certain actions taken for the purpose of ordering certain hearing instruments and specifying that certain hearing instruments include prescription hearing aids; altering the definition of “practice audiology” for purposes of certain provisions of law governing the licensure of audiologists to include prescribing, ordering, selling, dispensing, or fitting hearing aids to an individual for the correction or relief of a condition for which hearing aids are worn; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 672

Chapter 62

Senator Klausmeier

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

Authorizing certain students who are at least 18 years old and under the age of 21 years to taste certain alcoholic beverages while participating in certain educational classes at certain institutions of higher education without criminal penalty to the student, instructor, or institution of higher education under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

- HB 987**
Chapter 63 **Delegates Valderrama and Crosby**
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES
Authorizing certain students who are at least 18 years old and under the age of 21 years to taste certain alcoholic beverages while participating in a course or program in enology, fermenting, brewing, or hospitality and tourism offered by a qualified institution of higher education without criminal penalty to the student, instructor, or institution of higher education under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 492**
Chapter 64 **Delegate Chisholm, et al**
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SCHOOL VEHICLES – DURATION OF OPERATION
Altering the number of years that a school vehicle may be operated in Anne Arundel County from 12 years to 15 years.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- SB 718**
Chapter 65 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**
VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM – DETERMINATION AND RECORDATION DEADLINES
Altering determination and recordation deadlines for the Voluntary Cleanup Program.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- HB 30**
Chapter 66 **Delegate Stein**
ENVIRONMENT – ON-SITE WASTEWATER SERVICES – BOARD, FEES, AND PENALTIES
Altering the composition of the State Board of On-Site Wastewater Professionals; clarifying and altering the distribution of certain fees and penalties; and clarifying the application of certain license requirements and penalties.
EMERGENCY BILL

SB 7

Senator West

Chapter 67

**ENVIRONMENT – ON-SITE WASTEWATER SERVICES –
BOARD, FEES, AND PENALTIES**

Altering the composition of the State Board of On-Site Wastewater Professionals; clarifying and altering the distribution of certain fees and penalties; and clarifying the application of certain license requirements and penalties.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 161

Delegates Korman and Szeliga

Chapter 68

**NORTHEAST MARYLAND WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY –
EVALUATION, TERMINATION OF BOND AUTHORITY, AND
ASSUMPTION OF FUNCTIONS, EMPLOYEES, AND
CONTRACTS (NORTHEAST MARYLAND WASTE DISPOSAL
AUTHORITY SUNSET ACT)**

Prohibiting the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority from issuing bonds beginning June 1, 2023; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to evaluate the Authority providing enough detail for the General Assembly to determine whether the Authority should continue in its current form; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 516

Delegate Love

Chapter 69

**AGRICULTURE – USE OF ANTIMICROBIAL DRUGS –
REPORTING DEADLINES**

Altering the date from February 1, 2020 and each February 1 thereafter, to July 1 each year, on which the Department of Agriculture must submit to the General Assembly a certain annual report regarding the use of medically important antimicrobial drugs in cattle, swine, and poultry to the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

- SB 723**
Chapter 70 **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**

CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – ELECTRONIC COPIES FEE – REPEAL

Repealing a \$1-per-page fee for electronic copies of certain documents recorded or filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- SB 68**
Chapter 71 **Senator Carozza**

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ PENSION SYSTEM – CRISFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Requiring membership in the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System for certain local law enforcement officers of the Crisfield Police Department under certain circumstances; providing that a certain individual is entitled to eligibility service and creditable service that was earned before the effective date of the Crisfield Police Department’s participation in the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System; providing for the transfer of creditable service for a certain individual; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
- HB 163**
Chapter 72 **Delegate Otto**

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ PENSION SYSTEM – CRISFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Requiring membership in the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System for certain local law enforcement officers of the Crisfield Police Department under certain circumstances; providing that a certain individual is entitled to eligibility service and creditable service that was earned before the effective date of the Crisfield Police Department’s participation in the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System; providing for the transfer of creditable service for a certain individual; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 82

Chapter 73

Senator Mautz

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – TALBOT COUNTY

Requiring membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System for certain local detention center officers of Talbot County in the event Talbot County becomes a participating governmental unit in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; and providing that certain local detention center officers who join the Correctional Officers' Retirement System and receive certain service credit shall no longer be members of the Employees' Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 10

Chapter 74

Delegate Adams

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – TALBOT COUNTY

Requiring membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System for certain local detention center officers of Talbot County in the event Talbot County becomes a participating governmental unit in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; and providing that certain local detention center officers who join the Correctional Officers' Retirement System and receive certain service credit shall no longer be members of the Employees' Pension System and shall have no further rights to any benefit in the Employees' Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 276

Chapter 75

Senator McKay

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – FROSTBURG CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Requiring membership in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System for local law enforcement officers of the Frostburg City Police Department under certain circumstances; providing that an individual is entitled to eligibility service and creditable service that was earned before the effective date of the Frostburg City Police Department's participation in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

- HB 792**
Chapter 76 **Delegates Buckel and Hinebaugh**
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – FROSTBURG CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
Requiring membership in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System for local law enforcement officers of the Frostburg City Police Department under certain circumstances; providing that an individual is entitled to eligibility service and creditable service that was earned before the effective date of the Frostburg City Police Department's participation in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
- HB 648**
Chapter 77 **Delegate Hinebaugh**
GARRETT COUNTY – TAX SALES – AUCTIONEER FEES
Increasing, from \$8 to \$10, the auctioneer's fee for the tax sale of property in Garrett County for each property sold.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- SB 384**
Chapter 78 **Senator McKay**
GARRETT COUNTY – TAX SALES – AUCTIONEER FEES
Increasing, from \$8 to \$10, the auctioneer's fee for the tax sale of property in Garrett County for each property sold.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- HB 779**
Chapter 79 **Delegate Buckel, et al**
TAX SALES – REVISIONS
Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to file a motion with a court to request that a certain certificate of sale be assigned to the governing body of the county or municipal corporation in a certain foreclosure action under certain circumstances; providing that, on a grant of the motion by the court, the holder of the certificate of sale forfeits certain rights and the amount paid to acquire the certificate of sale; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 518 **Senator Corderman, et al**

Chapter 80 **TAX SALES – REVISIONS**

Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to file a motion with a court to request that a certain certificate of sale be assigned to the governing body of the county or municipal corporation in a certain foreclosure action under certain circumstances; providing that, on a grant of the motion by the court, the holder of the certificate of sale forfeits certain rights and the amount paid to acquire the certificate of sale; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 305 **Carroll County Senators**

Chapter 81 **CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County to borrow not more than \$65,600,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in Carroll County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 644 **Frederick County Delegation**

Chapter 82 **FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES –
GOLF SIMULATOR FACILITY**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue a Class B–GSF (golf simulator facility) license to a golf simulator facility under certain circumstances; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on–premises consumption under certain circumstances; requiring the license holder to submit an annual gross sales report to the Board before a license may be renewed; and establishing an annual license fee of \$1,500.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

- HB 679**
Chapter 83 **Frederick County Delegation**
FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES –
DISPLAY OF LICENSE
Requiring in Frederick County a license holder to frame and
conspicuously display an alcoholic beverages license on the licensed
premises.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 939**
Chapter 84 **Frederick County Delegation**
FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SUNDAY
SALES
Altering the hours during which a licensee may sell alcoholic
beverages on Sundays in Frederick County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 991**
Chapter 85 **Frederick County Delegation**
FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BASKET
OF CHEER
Repealing the requirement in Frederick County that alcoholic
beverages in a basket of cheer be produced in Maryland.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 997**
Chapter 86 **Frederick County Delegation**
FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
CONSUMPTION PERMITS
Altering the quantity of certain alcoholic beverages an individual may
consume under certain consumption permits issued in Frederick
County.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 1062**
Chapter 87 **Harford County Delegation**
HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALTERATION
OF LICENSE QUOTA
Altering the quota used to determine the maximum number of certain
alcoholic beverages licenses that the Board of License Commissioners
for Harford County may issue from one for every 3,000 individuals to
one for every 4,000 individuals.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 146 **Howard County Delegation**

Chapter 88

HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PUBLIC
HEARING HO. CO. 13–23

Exempting applications for changing certain resident agents from the requirement that the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County hold a public hearing on the applications; and authorizing the Board to hold a public hearing on certain applications if the Board determines there is good cause for the hearing.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 277 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 89

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
HOLDERS OF CLASS B–BWL (CLUBHOUSE/LODGE) LICENSE
AND CLASS 7 MICRO–BREWERY LICENSE MC 16–23

Providing that the restriction on holding or having a financial interest in other retail alcoholic beverages licenses for holders of a Class 7 micro–brewery license does not apply to a holder of a Class B–BWL (clubhouse/lodge) license in Montgomery County who is issued a Class 7 micro–brewery license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 345 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 90

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES –
ADVISORY BOARD MC 04–23

Altering the membership of the Advisory Board of the Alcohol Beverage Services of Montgomery County to include a designee of the Director of the Services and a designee of the Director of the Montgomery County Department of Police.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 763 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 91

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR
SHERIFF’S OFFICE EMPLOYEES – BINDING ARBITRATION
PROCEDURES MC 13–23**

Requiring that the procedures for declaring an impasse and submitting a dispute to binding arbitration be conducted in accordance with certain provisions of the Montgomery County Code if the Sheriff of Montgomery County and a bargaining representative are unable to reach agreement during negotiations on matters applicable to employees of the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 764 **Montgomery County Delegation**

Chapter 92

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES
COMMISSION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
IMPLEMENTATION – IMPASSE ARBITRATION MC 10–23**

Altering the terms and conditions of a certain final offer that the Executive Director of the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County is required to submit to the Montgomery Commission; authorizing the parties to a collective bargaining agreement for employees of the Montgomery Commission to request the services of a mediator–arbitrator during a term of a collective bargaining agreement under certain circumstances; and establishing the process for mediation–arbitration.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 436 **Prince George’s County Delegation**

Chapter 93

**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
LICENSING PG 305–23**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George’s County, notwithstanding a certain prohibition on the transfer of a license with an off–sale privilege, to approve the transfer of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license to a premises located in a certain alcoholic beverages district under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to issue a Class B–DD beer, wine, and liquor license with an off–sale privilege to certain restaurants in certain areas; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 946

Chapter 94

Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
MAIN STREET LAUREL DEVELOPMENT PG 404–23

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to issue up to five Class B–DD (Development District) beer, wine, and liquor licenses for restaurants located within the Main Street Laurel development.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Gruber
Executive Director